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Lafayette, Louisiana January 28, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A

Vernon Field

Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION, for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production units were created for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate by the 798-B Series of Office of Conservation Orders, including the unit designated LCV RA SURR:

- 1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Stewart-Harrison 30 No. 3 Well as alternate unit well for the LCV RA SURR, in Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, said well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 798-B Series of Office of Conservation Orders.
- 2. To find that this well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within such unit.
- 3. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable at a rate equal to the combined rate at which the unit and alternate unit wells are capable of efficiently producing, in

accordance with the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 798-B-4, effective June 14, 1994.

- 4. Except to the extent herein set forth, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of the 798-B Series of Office of Conservation Orders and the units created thereby.
 - 5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, was redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 798-B-23, effective January 22, 2002.

The proposed alternate unit well for the LCV RA SURR will permit efficient and economic recovery of hydrocarbons underlying the unit and is needed to satisfy the market demand for gas and condensate from the field.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's proposal along with a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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cc:

Mr. James Broussard, Shreveport District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

